

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are pending in this application, of which claims 4-16 and 19-21 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18-20 have been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in, for example, Fig. 3 and relevant description of the specification.

Claims 1-3 and 18 are now active in this application, of which claim 1 is independent.

Rejoinder

Upon the allowance of claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of claims 4-16 and 19-20 directed to the withdrawn species.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner asserted that it is unclear as to whether the “other electrode” recited in claims 1 and 18 refers to a first electrode, second electrode, or third electrode. In response, claims 1 and 18 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. Applicant believes that the amendments to those claims are fully responsive to the Examiner’s concerns. It is noted that withdrawn claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, and 20 have also been amended in relation to the amendments to claims 1 and 18.

The Examiner further asserted that the recitation "An image display device comprising" recited in claim 18 should be deleted because according to the Examiner, claim 1 does not claim that recitation in the preamble. However, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the sample hold circuit of claim 1 is a part of the "image display device" in claim 18. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider this rejection.

Based on the foregoing, claims 1-3 and 18 are not indefinite, and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

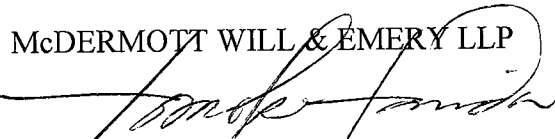
Conclusion

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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